

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-2220)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: President Steven Afriat, Secretary Sara Vasquez and

Vice President Renée Campbell joined the meeting after roll call

Excused: Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (13-1904)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.

President Afriat advised the applicants that due to the lack of quorum, Commissioners would be acting as hearing officers until such time that a quorum is met. The applicants agreed to proceed with the hearing. Vice President Campbell joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. constituting a quorum.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 10, 2013. (13-1906)

On motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by President Afriat, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Ayes: 2 - President Steven Afriat and Secretary Sara Vasquez

Abstention: 1 - Vice President Renée Campbell

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Alejandra Perez Orozco for La Plaza de Cultura y Artes, located at 501 North Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in the First District. (13-2141)

Alejandra Perez Orozco, representing La Plaza de Culturas y Artes, explained that the organization was founded by Supervisor Gloria Molina as a method to exhibit Mexican-American art, history, culture and to provide free programs to the public.

Ms. Orozco indicated that an event is scheduled for May 16, 2013 in honor of the City of Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa's years of service; solicitations for the event will be by personal invitation and online outreach.

On motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of a new Information Card.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

4. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General Business License ID# 139793, to issue a new license to Bethel Investment LLC, Lu Liu, owner of Salon Mariposas located at 2121 Firestone Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90002 in the Second District. (13-2136)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Vice President Campbell advised that the license requires the owner to be present when entertainment is being conducted and since she is not applying for a dance license, it is required for her to place tables and chairs on the dance floor. Lu Liu, owner of Salon Mariposas, through her interpreter, Rong Fa Jing, indicated that she understands. Ms. Liu added that the establishment is a banquet hall utilized for special events; and no alcohol is served or sold and operational hours depend on demand.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

- 1. No dancing allowed, tables and chairs must be placed over the dance floor:
- 2. Comply with Conditional Use Permit and parking requirements

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

5. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Janing Jordan for Green Wave Enterprises, located at 17061 Strawberry Drive, Encino, CA 91436 in the Third District. (13-2145)

This item was tabled for discussion to allow the applicant time to arrive. Later in the meeting, in the absence of the applicant, on motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, this item was taken off calendar and staff was instructed to obtain all required documentation prior to placing on a future agenda.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

6. Hearing on application for Annual Dance/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 139959, to issue a new license to Encore Dance Fitness, LLC, Kristine M. Rodas, owner of Encore, located at 25834 McBean Pkwy., Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (13-2139)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Krista Taylor, Encore Dance Fitness, LLC, stated that the business is a dance fitness facility with two dance studios that provide exercise classes in the form of dancing. The establishment is open to members Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; lockers are not provided. President Afriat asked if the facility was issued a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) by the City of Santa Clarita. Ms. Taylor confirmed they are in compliance with the CUP.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

7. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General for Business License ID# 139248, to issue a new business license to Mountain High Resort Associates LLC, Karl Kapuschski and Michele Roy for Mountain High Resort, located at 24512 Big Pines Hwy, Wrightwood, CA 93563 in the Fifth District. (13-2140)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Paul Bauer, representing Mountain High Resort, provided an overview of the business. The resort has been in existence for approximately 75 years and provides uphill transportation on chair lifts to skiers and snowboarders desiring to go downhill. The resort is open from November to April; hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday. The resort is located on Angeles National Forest land; a special use permit has been obtained by the Angeles National Forest and they monitor operations for the resort. Entertainment would consist of an occasional live band and pool table. A pool table is not currently available; however, the option may be explored for future use.

Discussion on pool table requirements ensued.

President Afriat clarified to Mr. Bauer that the entertainment license does not coexist with a dance license and a dance license must be obtained to allow dancing. Mr. Bauer explained that tables and chairs are placed over the existing dance floor, and there is no dedicated area for dance.

On motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with a stage and dressing room waiver.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

8. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID# 139972, to issue a new license to Tannins Inc., Tanya Lynn Green, owner of Wine 661 located at 24268 Valencia Blvd., Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (13-2143)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Tanya Lynn Green, owner of Wine 661, stated that the establishment is considered a wine bar and store and is open seven days a week. Ms. Green added that although her business does not have a stage or dressing room, she is hoping to have live music on special occasions.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with a stage and dressing room waiver.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

III. REPORTS

9. Commissioners' Comments. (13-1907)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for May and June. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:

May 15, 2013 and May 22, 2013

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

At the request of Secretary Vasquez, issues with unlicensed pawnshops and second hand dealers in the First District will be added to the next agenda for general discussion; all the necessary agencies should be present.

At the request of Barbara Goul, County Counsel, a half hour Ethics training session will be added to a future agenda.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for the members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1908)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

<u>Adjournment</u>

11. Adjournment for the meeting of May 8, 2013. (13-1909)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.